(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) since when the demands are pending;

(d) whether Government propose to come to a negotiated settlement; and

(e) if so, the initiative taken in this regard and if not, by when this issue would be resolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Negotiations on the Charter of Demands submitted by the Unions/Associations of employees to the Management of Indian Airlines are in progress in the Indian Airlines. As and when Memoranda of Understanding are signed by the Unions/Associations with the Management of Indian Airlines, the latter will submit the same to Government for approval.

Portraits of Indian Leaders in India House, London

762. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India House in London adores portraits of our national leaders; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that portraits of many leaders including those of Lokmanya Tilak and Chhattrapati Shivaji have been removed and placed in the store of the House from time to time as per officials whims; if so by when these are likely to be restored; and

(c) what guidelines are observed by the Indian High Commission in UK in displaying such portraits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Eight portraits of national leaders are presently displayed in the Reception/Conference Hall of the High Commission of India in London.

(b) and (c) The portraits of Shivaji and Lokmanya Tilak had recently been removed for repairs and restoration. These will be displayed again as soon as the repair work is complete. The restoration and rectification of damage of portraits displayed at India House is undertaken periodically. Previous such instances relate to portraits of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru.

Peace proposals of CPSU General Secretary

763. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:
DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the proposals made by the CPSU General-Secretary, Mikhail Gorbachev, on Asia-Pacific Security;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals;

(c) whether the policy calls for convening of international conference before 1990 to make the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace;

(d) whether the key role assigned to the USSR the USA and Japan in the said policy, to the exclusion of India has reduced the importance of the country in international affairs; and

(e) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals were contained in a speech made by Mr. Gorbachev at Krasnoyarsk on the 16th September, 1988. A copy of relevant excerpts is laid on the

Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXL VIII, Annexure No. 37].

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Government considers these to be valuable proposals which merit careful study.

Tie up of Pak Navy with USA and China

764. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposed tie up of Pak Navy with USA and China;

(b) whether such a tie up has added danger to the maritime boundary of India; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government propose to take to avert threat to India's security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government are aware that Pakistan has been acquiring naval equipment from a number of countries, including the USA and China.

(b) and (c) Pakistan's acquisition of such weapons is naturally detrimental to India's security.

Government keep under constant review all development having a bearing on the country's security and take appropriate counter-measures.

Peace and Friendship Treaty between India and Sri Lanka

765. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals were made recently by Sri Lanka to substitute or to enlarge the Indio-Sri Lanka Accord by an Agreement on peace and friendship between the two countries on the lines of Indo-Soviet Friendship Treaty;

(b) whether the Sri Lanka Government have made any specific proposal regarding the issues to be included in such a treaty; if so, whether Government have considered the same; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto, in the context of India's experiences in implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka accord of July, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

South-South Commission

766. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the results of the meeting of the South-South Commission held in 1988 regarding achieving greater equity among the world nations; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to build such a cooperation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The South-South Commission held its first meeting in October 1987 in Geneva in which it finalised its terms of reference and work programme. In the two other meetings held in 1988, the Commission considered and issued statements on 'external debt' and the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Nagotiations'. It